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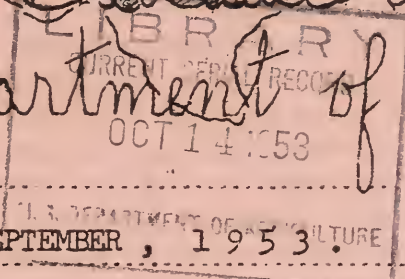
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DALLAS, TEXAS.

P.M.A. Area Personnel Transfers.

On Friday, September 11 the Southwest Area Personnel Office of P.M.A. closed its doors and the following Monday opened for business in the mile-high city of Denver, Colorado. The Dallas office is being combined with the San Francisco PMA office, to be headed by Mr. John Bolish, Chief of the Dallas office. Besides continuing to handle all personnel matters in Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado, and New Mexico, the new Denver Office will also assume control over nine other western states and Hawaii.

About half of the Dallas office force elected to remain in Dallas, most finding placement in PMA sister offices. Among those transferring to Denver with Mr. Bolish were Joseph L. Phillips, Howard A. Allison, Celia P. Day, Fred L.R. Hill and Dorothy Rhodes.

Both the federal colony and the USDA Club of Denver are to be congratulated on the acquisition of these fine folks to their ranks. In every way, they're simply "Simpatico". Good luck folks!

USDA Branch Library In Oklahoma Provides Service For Dallas Employees.

The Southwest Branch of the USDA Library, of Washington, D. C., is located at Oklahoma A & M College, in Stillwater, Oklahoma. This library branch provides service to USDA employees in Texas. Mr. A. P. Juhlin is in charge.

This library gives similar service to USDA employees in Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, and Oklahoma, having taken over circulation of the New Orleans office last March. Other branch offices provide like services to employees in other areas.

Through this library you can have periodicals routed to you; you may borrow books and bulletins, and ask for reference service; and you can obtain a list of new publications. (Continued on page 3)

Civil Service Latchism

(Continued from previous issues)

- Q. Please explain the difference between deposits and redeposits, and voluntary contributions to the Civil Service Retirement Fund.
- A. Deposits or redeposits are the normal deductions automatically taken from your salary; voluntary contributions are made at the request of the employee, and for the purpose of increasing the amount of his annuity upon retirement from what it would be under normal deductions.
- Q. Last month you said deposits could be made after separation from the service up to the time the claim is adjudicated. May voluntary contributions also be made after separation?
- A. No.
- Q. May contributions be made when full deductions covering past service have not been made?

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CIVIL SERVICE CATECHISM ... (From page 1)

- A. No.
- Q. How much increase will my voluntary contribution add to my annuity upon retirement?
- A. That, of course, depends on the retirement age and the amount of contributions made. If you retire at age 55 or younger your regular annuity will be increased \$7.00 for each \$100.00 contribution. Past age 55 the increase is 20¢ per year. Thus, at age 70 your annuity increase for each additional \$100.00 contribution would be \$10.00.
- Q. May I withdraw my voluntary contribution account?
- A. Not while you are in service, but you can upon separation from service up to the time you become eligible for retirement pay. You may do this even after 20 years' service, as the 20-year limitation governing regular deductions doesn't apply to voluntary contributions.
- Q. Does the retirement law cover more than one kind of retirement annuities?
- A. Yes; they are, age, optional, disability, 5-year discontinued-service, and 25-year discontinued-service.
- Q. How long must I work before becoming eligible for retirement benefits?
- A. The minimum length of service before annuity benefits may be paid is five years.

Did You Know...

...That leaders are ordinary persons with extraordinary determinations?

...That specialists in the BEPQ have developed a strain of bees with the disposition of Gargantua and the "armor-piercing" power of atomic artillery (almost!)...and that they are busy breeding out such "mis-bee-having" traits so they will become paragons of sweetness when they light?

...That Y O U, And Y O U and Y O U automatically become members of the USDA Club when you become an employee of the U.S. Department of Agriculture?

WATERMELON PARTY A SUCCESS

Those not attending the watermelon party last month were the losers. All who were present were treated to red-ripe, luscious, ice-cold watermelon to the point of belt-tightness...Roy Guy Davidson, FHA Area Finance Office won the door-prize--a \$25.00 savings bond...We hear there's another party being planned. Tulane Smith and his boys will tell us soon.

Quotes...

"I'VE ALWAYS KNOWN ABOUT THE POWER OF PRAYER...IN SHOW BUSINESS I'M KNOWN AS A "SINGLE" ACT. THAT'S NOT TRUE. I WAS NEVER ALONE; MY PARTNER WAS PRAYER. EVERY STEP OF THE WAY WE WALKED HAND IN HAND."

Eddie Cantor, Readers Dig.

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"OKAY, CUT IT OUT!"

*--Major General William

* F. Dean, captured commander of the 24th Infantry Division, when threatened by red captors to cut his tongue out if he did not give them military information.

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MRS. FAE RAY WHISNANT RETURNS

PMA's charming, capable Fae Ray--now Mrs. Whisnant--formerly of Compliance and Investigation, has moved back from Indianapolis with her 5-month-old son to await the return of her husband, Lieutenant Colonel I.E. Whisnant, from Korea. Colonel Whisnant at present is taking part in preparations for the pending peace negotiations. Mrs. Whisnant, who was chairman of USDA's Employee Welfare Committee until her resignation, says Master Robert doesn't favor her very much. We know the Colonel will agree with us that if such is the case it's a darn shame!

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TRINITY TOASTMASTERS ELECT.

James T. Rhea, FHA Area Finance employee, has been installed as new President of the Trinity Toastmasters Club. Other officers are Rex Jasper Bill May, and Wendell Pickering--all of FHA Finance.

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James L. (Jimmy) Hyles,

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F H A AREA FINANCE OFFICE
SLATED TO CLOSE BY END OF
FISCAL YEAR, NEWS REPORTS.

Coming like a bombshell out of a clear blue sky, as we go to press, is the news report that the Dallas FHA Area Finance Office will be closed and its functions taken over by a national office to be located in a central part of the country--possibly St. Louis.

This move, according to the report, would be completed by the end of this fiscal year. It would continue a national trend toward reorganization and re-trenchment that has seen several PMA local offices shifted or abolished.

130 Area Finance employees would be affected. It is said the County FHA office organization will not be affected.

According to the press release a saving of several hundred thousand dollars per annum will be effectuated. Official confirmation is lacking.

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It has been truthfully said that he who contributes a pleasant word and smile to the world each morning has done much to make that day worthwhile to hundreds of others.

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GO NOW to those you love in any way
And say "I LOVE YOU" for your gentle grace,
Your pixie charm; I love you for that day
We knelt beside the brook and watched the race
Of ripples down the stream!" Say to your friend
"You are my friend!" And to the hearts that know
Your heart, "I love you, that you understand!"
Tell ALL your loves YOUR love--BEFORE YOU GO!--
For, in departing, whether Time or Fate
Or Death should close the door, that love is LOST
That is NOT SAID, and on the heart the weight
Of new regrets lies far beyond their cost...
The things you MIGHT have said, or MIGHT have done,
That now can NEVERMORE be said or done!

--Author unknown.

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U S D A BRANCH LIBRARY (Continued from page 1)

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Library, containing almost one million volumes, is the largest agricultural research library in the world.

Last year this library circulated 1,326,879 books and periodicals, answered 170,842 reference questions and compiled and issued bibliographies on various subjects.

Mr. Ralph R. Shaw is head Librarian.

Some idea of its scope may be found in this fact: So complete is its coverage of all worthwhile reading matter affecting USDA members that two days after you read this copy of USDA Club News, you can walk into the Library in Washington and read an identical copy. (Washington folks deserve the best, too! Ahem.)

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"INDEFINITES" MAY BE GIVEN PERMANENT STATUS"-(MOORE)

The 25,000 indefinite employees in Texas may be given a chance to attain permanent status according to an announcement made by United States Civil Service Commissioner George M. Moore. It can be done by Executive order and won't have to wait on the Congress for action. Civil Service Commission Chairman Philip Young is said to favor the proposal. The plan would allow indefinites to move up as career employees leave the service through death, retirement, or resignation. Heretofore, because of emergency legislation, this was not permissible, and the plight of those on indefinite appointment status have not been contributory to good morale.

However, this favorable action, if put into effect, might be of doubtful value for the time being due to such factors as reorganizational cutbacks, etc

INDONESIAN GROUP SPENDS WEEK STUDYING FHA OPERATION.

It is a long jump from the Indonesian Island of Sumatra to Dallas Texas, USA, but Iskander Suleiman made it. He is one of five Indonesian officials in the U.S. to study the development and functioning of agricultural financing institutions—private, governmental, and cooperative—with the view of applying the information to helping to solve Indonesian farm and co-op problems.

Since 95 % of Indonesia's 15,000,000 small farmers now obtain operational credit from private sources at usurious rates of interest up to 500 % per annum, it is felt that their studies can be of vast benefit to the economic structure of the vast island empire comprising almost all of Indonesia.

Mr. Suleiman, age 44, studied 5 years at Queek-school, Djakarta, is now Inspector in charge of Co-operative Service (South Sumatra) supervising a staff of 100 people whose functions include training, inspection and control of 385 farm co-ops representing a membership of 69,000 capitalized at Rupees 9,190,-400.

Suleiman's companions are, Bachtiar Rifai, Rachmat Saleh, Mohamad Sisman, and Waward I (no other name) who is the oldest of the group.

Mr. Saleh, the youngest (23) is Research Assistant at the University of Indonesia, where he is studying for his doctorate. He lives in the University city of Djakarta.

Mr. Rifai, age 28, holding a Degree of Agricultural Engineer, has studied agriculture in colleges in Bogor, Solo, and Djakarta. He is on the faculty of the University of Indonesia doing lectures and Dutch language translations. His home is in Bogor.

Mr. Sisman, studying for his Doctorate of Economics at the University of Indonesia, is also employed in the Ministry of Finance as Treasury Inspector. Born in 1925, he resides in Djakarta.

Mr. Waward has four years of agriculture study at Culturus School, Malang, and is Inspector of Co-operatives for East Java and Kalimantan.

All members of the group speak English, some fluently, and are a pleasant, lively group, eager to learn about us. They have already met with officials at International Center, Foreign Agriculture Service, Farm Credit and Farmers Home Administrations, in Washington, and FCA in Wichita, Kansas. Their Dallas stay will take in both State and Area FHA offices, also Federal Credit Unions, and Texas Co-Op Association. From here they go to Houston, and Pearland Texas, and Lake Charles, Louisiana to study rice co-ops, thence to Montgomery, Richmond, and Washington, where their tour of the U.S. ends. Enroute home they will stop in Honolulu and Japan for more study after which they will be welcomed home to apply some of the lessons learned here to help their homeland. (((Puzzle answers: 1, read it backwards; 2, 1956)))

Brain Teasers

DID HANNAH SEE BEES?

(For the answer see bottom of page)

When will the next Easter fall on "April Fool's" day?

Ask someone to write his age down then double it; add 5, then multiply by 50. Subtract the number of days in a year (365) add all the change in his pocket (any amount under a dollar is "change") then add 115. The first two numbers of the answer will be his age, the last 2 the change

In this column last month we asked you to give the pessimist's mathematical equation of a kiss. The answer was $0 \div 2$ (nothing divided by 2) A reader took exception, said it should be the other way round, $2 \div 0$..This is the correct answer for OPTIMISTS!

Answers to 1 & 2 (above)
at bottom of page.

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P L E N T I F U L

F O O D S .

Foods featured in the "plentiful" category this month include Beef, turkeys, milk, cheese, and other dairy products, potatoes, honey, onions, salad oils, raisins.

With the fall season the cheaper cuts of beef will be welcome in stews, meat loaf and pot roasts. Merchants are featuring these cuts at most stores.

With milk production running about 3 billion pounds ahead of last year the over-all picture for all types of dairy products continues to look good for the consumer.